

Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Summary

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- 5.1 The Committee voted 4-3 to oppose a motion to support the Pavley hybrid vehicle bill.
- 6.1 Information item on federal bill to continue recreation fee on federal lands. Committee agreed to be supportive as long as the fee is not in-lieu of other funding and applies to the Forest Service as well as the National Parks.
- 6.2 Information item on Lowenthal bill to limit pollution increases at the Ports of LA & Long Beach. Discussion centered on whether the bill was constitutional or encroached on Congress's jurisdiction over interstate commerce. Staff was asked to follow up with SCAG region Department of Commerce contacts to find out their position.
- 7.0 Next Water Policy Task Force meeting is June 10th. Main focus will be groundwater replenishment in Orange County.
- 9.0 Staff briefed the Committee on the expected localized conformity lapse in Ventura and Southeast Desert; on a new compilation of environmental articles; and on current energy efficiency efforts, including an action item that will be brought to the June meeting under the DOE/CEC energy grant. The Committee members expressed interest in having more information or a presentation on LEED green building certification.
- 10.0 Committee member Washburn suggested topics on sinking decommissioned naval vessels off California as artificial reefs, and on plastic debris in the oceans. Committee member Longville suggested further follow-up on FEMA's role in floodplain management.

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- 3.0 **The Consent Calendar** was approved without discussion. The Consent Calendar included the March meeting minutes and the Legislative Matrix.
- 4.1 **Growth Vision Final Report.** Mark Butala, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the item by reviewing the history of the Compass Growth Visioning effort led by the Growth Visioning Sub-Committee to CEHD. He informed the Committee that the sub-committee had approved a final report on March 25. John Fregonese, of Fregonese/Calthorpe Associates then gave a presentation describing features of the vision including its development, principles, key benefits, and implementation steps. There was a brief discussion. Supervisor Norby suggested legislative action to reverse contrary incentives at the State level. Mayor Perry commented that selection of pilot areas should remain open-ended at this time. Approval of the report with amendments as suggested by Mayor Perry was moved by Mayor Perry, seconded by Councilmember Duke and approved without objection.
- 4.2 **Housing Legislation.** Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, described the features of two bills, AB 2358 and AB 2348, which emerged from the Statewide Housing Element Working Group negotiations. Mr. Lieb also reviewed some background in the negotiation process. Questions were asked regarding the effect of other pending bills at the State and Federal level. A motion to support the bills was made by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Yousefian. The motion was approved without objection.
- 5.1 **Economic Forecast Conference Planning Group.** Councilmember Kathryn McCullough volunteered to serve on the Economic Forecast Conference Planning Group.
- 5.2 **SB 744.** Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, described SB 744 (Dunn) which would create a housing application appeal review board at the State level. Mr. Lieb stated that the bill is not scheduled to be heard and is unlikely to move forward. Should there be further developments on the issue, staff will update the Committee.
- 5.3 **Intergovernmental Review Annual Report.** This item was not presented due to insufficient time.
- 5.4 **Legislative Roundtable.** This item was not presented due to insufficient time.
- 6.0 **Chairs Report.** None given
- 7.0 **Staff Report.** None given
- 8.0 **Future Agenda Items.** Councilmember McCarthy requested a future agenda item on AB 2702 (Steinberg). This item will be agendized either individually or as part of a broader legislative discussion.

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Closed Session. No Closed Session held